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To: The Federal Communications Commission

The decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air "Stolen Honor," an anti-Kerry documentary, shortly before the election is a dangerous precedent and obvious abuse of the public airways. It is also a clear example of how media consolidation can manipulate the public's right to equal, fair and balanced coverage of important political issues.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's intended airing of "Stolen Honor" is anything but balanced. It expounds a one-sided issue that leaves no room for objective opinion. It is not fair journalism. It does not serve the public interest and, therefore, is detrimental to democracy in the United States.

It is the responsibility of the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the public airways are conduits to fair and balanced broadcasts. I trust the FCC will take the appropriate action and stop Sinclair from forcing their stations to air "Stolen Honor."

Sincerely,
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